

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood held this **5th day of August 2025**, 10 chemin Jondee, Danford Lake, Quebec, J0X 1P0.

PRESENT: Mayor Carl Mayer
Councillors Susan Tanner (absent) Guy Bergeron
Sidney Squitti James Giroux
Mona Giroux

The Director General, Isabelle Cardinal, and two (2) guests were also present.

1. Opening of Meeting

Mayor Mayer acknowledges quorum and declares the meeting is officially opened at 6:30 P.M.

2. Declaration – Use of the Language of Choice

The Declaration of use of language was read by Director General, Isabelle Cardinal.

3. Approval of Agenda

114-08-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron

And, resolved unanimously that the agenda be approved with additions.

Adopted

4. Declaration of Decorum

The declaration of Decorum was read by Councillor Bergeron

5. Declaration of interest or conflict

No declaration of interest or conflict

6. Approval of the Minutes

Regular meeting held July 7th, 2025

115-08-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the July 7th, 2025, minutes be approved with modifications.

Adopted

Business arising from Minutes.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

8. ADMINISTRATION

MRC Pontiac Report

Pro-Mayor Squitti provided a report regarding the MRC Pontiac meeting. The report is annexed to these minutes.

**SUPPORT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAINTE-JUSTINE-DE-
NEWTON REGARDING THE DENUNCIATION OF CUTS TO THE
CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS** the Canada Summer Jobs program provides financial support for hiring youth aged 15 to 30, allowing municipalities to offer local services, particularly in the areas of recreation and culture;
- WHEREAS** the youth hired through this program are primarily assigned to essential services such as municipal day camps, which enable parents to balance work and family responsibilities during the summer;
- WHEREAS** the observed cuts to the program for 2025 significantly reduce the ability of municipalities to offer services;
- WHEREAS** inconsistencies between the policies of the Government of Quebec and those of the Government of Canada regarding the integration of youth into the labor market create ambiguous and harmful situations for municipalities;
- WHEREAS** maintaining and improving services to citizens requires predictable and fair support from the federal government;

116-08-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And resolved unanimously,

- THAT** the Municipal Council denounces the cuts made to the Canada Summer Jobs program for 2025, as they directly impact the services provided to families and youth;
- THAT** it calls on the Government of Canada to immediately and significantly increase the program's funding in order to ensure the continuation of municipal summer jobs and the public services that depend on them;
- THAT** the Municipality send a copy of this resolution to Prime Minister Mark Carney, to the Minister of Employment, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, to the federal Member of Parliament for the riding of Pontiac, Ms. Sophie Chatel, to the Fédération québécoise des municipalités, as well as to other Quebec municipalities to seek their support.

Adopted

Resolution Supporting the Safe and Full Resumption of Road Control Activities in Quebec

- WHEREAS** road controllers in Quebec play a vital role in public safety, particularly by monitoring heavy vehicles, ensuring compliance with hazardous materials transportation regulations, conducting speed control operations, and ensuring the safety of school and passenger transportation;
- WHEREAS** since the decision rendered by the Administrative Labour Tribunal (ALT) on March 6, 2025, a significant portion of road controllers' activities has been suspended or severely reduced,

notably due to the confinement of these officers to inspection stations (weigh stations);

WHEREAS this limitation directly hinders the ability of road controllers to carry out preventive and effective field interventions, thereby increasing the risk of accidents related to non-compliant heavy vehicles, improper transport of hazardous materials, overloading, mechanical wear, or driver fatigue;

WHEREAS the summer period and back-to-school season are critical times on the road network due to high traffic volume, tourism transportation, and the massive return of school buses transporting children;

WHEREAS the Quebec government's inaction since the ALT ruling is concerning, and concrete measures are needed to restore the full intervention capacity of road controllers;

WHEREAS road safety is a shared responsibility between levels of government, and municipalities are deeply committed to the safety of their citizens;

THEREFORE,

117-08-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux
and resolved unanimously,

THAT the Municipality of Alayn and Cawood support the request made to the Government of Quebec to promptly respond to the decision rendered by the Administrative Labour Tribunal on March 6, 2025, by implementing the necessary measures to ensure the full and safe resumption of road control activities across the province of Quebec;

THAT this resolution be sent to:

- The Quebec Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility;
- The Quebec Ministry of Public Security;
- The Office of the Premier of Quebec;
- The Interim President and CEO as well as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ);
- The municipalities of Quebec, the Regional County Municipalities (MRCs), as well as the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ) and the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM);
- And that a copy be forwarded to the author of the message sent to municipal elected officials — an anonymous road controller concerned about the safety of Quebecers.

Adopted

9. FINANCE

Accounts paid for the month of July \$ 149,066.59

118-08-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Squitti

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts paid for the month of July 2025 in the amount of \$ 149,066.59 be approved.

Adopted

Accounts payable for the month of July \$ 70,245.88
119-08-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mona Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the list of accounts payable for the month of July 2025 in the amount of \$ 70,245.88 be approved.

Adopted

Petty Cash for the month of July \$ 169.95
120-08-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bergeron

And, resolved unanimously that the petty cash for July 2025, in the amount of \$ 169.95 be approved as presented.

Adopted

10. ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE & COMMUNICATION & HR

Councillors Mona Giroux and Sidney Squitti

Councillor Squitti reported that the visa statement has been reviewed. In addition, a new communication concerning the composting initiative will be issued on Thursday to provide further information and updates to residents.

11. URBANISM & ENVIRONMENT

Councillors Mona Giroux, Susan Tanner and Sidney Squitti

12. PUBLIC WORKS & PUBLIC SECURITY

Councillors Guy Bergeron, & James Giroux

Councillor James Giroux reported for the committee that Public Works is currently working on graveling Tanner Road. He noted that the tent pads at Mount O'Brien will be installed, and bear-proof garbage bins are being set up. Work is also being completed on brushing the side of the roads. Councillor Giroux added that Councillor Bergeron expressed satisfaction with the road work carried out on Mount O'Brien Road.

13. MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES & MONT O'BRIEN

Councillors Sidney Squitti & Guy Bergeron

Councillor Squitti reported that garbage bins have been ordered, and the outhouses are in place. The road is currently passable, and the splash pad, which was down for one day, has now been repaired. She also noted that the gazebo has been cleaned and that the park and flowers are receiving many compliments from residents.

14. SUMMER CAMP, LEISURE, LIBRARY & YOUTH

Councillors Mona Giroux, Susan Tanner & Sidney Squitti

Councillor Squitti reported that the summer camp is going very well. Santa recently visited the children, and this week's theme is Halloween, which will include a pizza lunch. Next week's activities will take place at Leslie Lake. She added that several parents have expressed interest in having a spring break camp, which the municipality will need to consider.

15. ASSOCIATIONS (Seniors, Bethany Hall, Churches, Cenotaph, Cottages, and Recreation)

Councillors Mona Giroux, Sidney Squitti and Guy Bergeron

Bethany Hall now falls under the municipal portfolio. A recent AGM was held for George Lake, where feedback was received from residents. Evaluation continues to be a concern for them, and there is hope that the mill rate will be addressed further in the next budget cycle.

16. NEW BUSINESS

17. CORRESPONDANCE

WHEREAS Council received a request from Ms. Barbara Foster regarding road safety at the intersection of Cawood Road, Cawood Est, and Cawood Ouest;

WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to improve road safety at said intersection;

WHEREAS the installation of stop signs will assist in regulating traffic and increasing the safety of motorists and pedestrians;

121-08-2025

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously

THAT Council authorize the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Cawood Road, Cawood East, and Cawood West;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

THAT the Director of Public Works be mandated to proceed with the installation of the required signage as soon as possible.

Councillor Squitti discussed the potential development of ATV trails within the municipality's territory and the creation of a dedicated committee to oversee the initiative. She noted that such trails could attract tourism and highlighted that the abundance of Crown land and old bush roads presents significant opportunities for trail development.

18. QUESTION PERIOD

Maggie Early mentions that there is a sofa at Tanner and Cawood and inquired about the private road snow contract.

Denise Renaud mentioned there are 2 trees on Harrison road that could pose a problem.

19. MISCELLANEOUS

I, Isabelle Cardinal, Secretary-Treasurer for the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood do hereby certify there are sufficient funds to cover the following resolutions: 118-08-2025; 119-08-2025 and 120-08-2025.

20. ADJOURNMENT

122-08-2025


PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Giroux

And, resolved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Adopted



Carl Mayer, Mayor



**Isabelle Cardinal, Director General
and Secretary Treasurer**